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LEBANON: SARKIS MEETS HABIB, DRAPER, AMBASSADOR DILLON

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(TEXT) U.S. ENVOY TO THE MIDDLE EAST PHILIP HABIB IS NOW MEETING IN THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE WITH PRESIDENT ILYAS SARKIS. HABIB ARRIVED AT 1930 (1730 GMT) FROM DAMASCUS VIA AL-MASNA' (LEBANESE-SYRIAN BORDER POST--FBIS), ACCOMPANIED BY MORRIS DRAPER, U.S. DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR MIDDLE EAST AFFAIRS. ACCOMPANYING HABIB FROM AL-MASNA' TO THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE WAS A LEBANESE ARMY UNIT. THE MEETING, WHICH HAS BEEN IN PROGRESS SINCE HABIB'S ARRIVAL AT 1930, IS BEING ATTENDED BY THE U.S. AMBASSADOR ROBERT DILLON AS WELL AS MORRIS DRAPER.

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